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Applicant:)
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 Digital Gene Technologies, Inc.)
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 Application No.: PCT/US99/26824)
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 For: GENE EXPRESSION MODULATED BY ACTIVATION)
 OF MICROGLIA OR MACROPHAGES)

RESPONSE TO WRITTEN OPINION AND AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 66

Preliminary Examining Authority
European Patent Office
D-80298 Munich
Attention: K. Muller-Thomalla

Sir:

In response to the Written Opinion mailed on September 19, 2000, the Applicant submits this amendment and response.

The Amendment to the Specification

Please replace originally-filed pages 1-3, and 81 with the attached substitute sheets 1-3, and 81. The Examiner has requested that Applicant identify the D1-D4 prior art documents and include the relevant background art disclosed therein (section VII, paragraph 1). In addition, the Examiner has objected to the language found on page 81, lines 5-8 as being vague (section VIII, paragraph 3). Accordingly, the substitute sheets contain the following changes:

On page 1, line 17, after "Fedoroff et al., eds., (1993)" Applicant has inserted
";Carson et al., Soc. Neurosci., 24:634.8 (1998)"